

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Incident:** Strong Armed Robbery

Location: Ralphs, 1776 S. Victoria Ave.

Date/Time Occurred: 03/13/2022 @ 1902 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol, VPD Detectives

Victim(s): V1: Female, 59 yrs, El Segundo Resident

V2: Female, 44 yrs, Ventura Resident

Suspect(s): S1: Angel Ramos, 02/12/2000, Ventura Resident

S2: Jaynell Vargas, 08/28/2000, Ventura Resident

**Report #:** 22-16437

## Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of a purse theft that had just occurred inside Ralphs, 1776 South Victoria Avenue. The suspect, described as a Hispanic male in his 20s fled the area before police arrival and was last seen running west towards Alameda St. and getting into a dark-colored Dodge sedan.

At approximately 1933 hours, a Ventura Police Patrol Corporal located the vehicle in the 5700 Block of Thille Street. Ramos and Vargas were walking away from the car, and when ordered to stop, they fled into a nearby apartment. Patrol officers surrounded the location, and Ramos and Vargas exited the residence. They were detained while officers continued the investigation.

During the investigation, officers learned Ramos approached the first victim and removed her purse from the shopping cart she was pushing. Ramos approached the second victim and grabbed her purse that was over her shoulder. The second victim struggled to keep possession of the purse, and Ramos struck her and pushed her to the ground. Ramos took the purses, fled the store, and got into the Dodge sedan driven by Vargas.

Ventura Police Detectives obtained a search warrant for the apartment and the stolen property was located.

One victim was treated at a local hospital for minor injuries that resulted from the violence during the robbery.

Ramos was arrested for 487(c) PC Grand Theft from a Person, 459 PC Commercial Burglary, and 211 PC Robbery. Vargas was arrested for 182 PC Conspiring to Commit a Crime, 148 PC Resisting/Delaying/Obstructing a Police Officer, and 32 PC Accessory to a Crime.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with any information is urged to contact the Ventura Police Major Crimes Unit at 805-339-4444 or Watch Commander at 805-339-4416.
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